

Charity number: **1136408**

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**REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD ('RCCG') THE CITY OF GOD,  
DARTFORD**

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD ('RCCG') THE CITY OF GOD,  
DARTFORD  
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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General Overseer                      Pastor. E. A. Adeboye

Trustees                                      Mrs. Adeyinka Adetola Ogunnaike  
    Pastor. Babatunde Adewale Sofowora

Pastor in Charge                      Pastor Adetutu Sofowora

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and the financial statements of The Redeemed Christian Church of God ('RCCG') for the year ended 31 December 2023. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the church comply with the Charities Acts of 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (SORP FRS 102).

**STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**a. CONSTITUTION**

The Church is constituted under the church governing document and registered on the 16th of June 2010 with the Charity Commission with a charity registration number 1136408.

**b. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES**

The management of the church is the responsibility of the Trustees who are co-opted under the terms of the governing documents of the church. There were no changes in the Board of Trustees during the year ended 31 December 2023.

**c. POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES**

New Trustees are educated and trained in their legal obligations under the charity law. The Trustees are also updated on the decision-making processes and current financial performance of the charity. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events which will facilitate their knowledge in their role. The Charity Commission updates are also forwarded to Trustees when issued.

**d. ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND DECISION MAKING**

The Church is organized such that the day-to-day running of the church has been delegated to the Parish Pastor and assisted by a member who oversees the Finance and Administrative functions of the charity. The Trustee determines the charity's Strategic direction and is consulted on all material matters. Trustees meet formally when required to review the church's operations.

The Trustees are proposing to purchase the church building, currently rented as a permanent place of worship, which can provide more stability and a sense of community. Processes are already in place and costs incurred to make this achievable

**e. RELATED PARTY RELATIONSHIPS**

Redeemed Christian Church of God -The City of God is a member of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG), which has parishes all over the world. The relationship is governed by an 'Agreement for Common Purposes between the Parishes and the Central office of the RCCG in the United Kingdom.

**f. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Trustees have thoroughly assessed the major risks and have systems in place to mitigate them. Ensuring the church's operations and finances are safeguarded is crucial for its stability and growth.



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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

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**OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES**

The charity's objects are:

- The advancement of the Christian religion and faith for the benefit of the public
- The furtherance of charitable works and the purposes of the charity for the benefit of the public community as the trustees may decide from time to time

It pursues these objectives through the operation of a center for Christian worship at its premises in c/o 193 Crayford Rd, Crayford, London, DA1 4HA and by programmes of events aimed at reaching out to the one-church together with a range of community-centered projects.

**PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT:**

The Trustees are aware of their responsibility to ensure that the activities and objectives of the Trust are charitable and benefit the public. In determining the best way to pursue these objectives the Trustees have taken on board the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and its supplementary public guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

RCCG, The City of God though a religious Charity has core community-based projects and outreaches that are focused benefitting the public and its immediate community.

**a. STRATEGIES FOR ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES:**

The church's strategies for achieving these objectives were:

- The Charity makes regular monthly contributions of food stuff to Dartford food bank to provide emergency food and support to people experiencing crisis in the Dartford community.
- The City of God is dedicated to supporting mothers in its community and surrounding areas. The focus of this dedication is on providing knowledge-based seminars and conferences aimed at helping mothers improve, which in turn has a positive impact on the children raised by these mothers. This dedication is carried out through events such as Party for Mum" and "Mothers on their Knees".

- The City of God also has an annual event tagged Unlocking Your Treasures, this event is focused on providing support for children with educational challenges in the community and provides seminars on how parents can get the best out of their children.
- The City of God provides financial support to other charitable organisations and Christian events.

#### **b. VOLUNTEERS**

The Charity is grateful for the untiring efforts of its volunteer workforce. It is impossible to put a value on the efforts of our volunteers. We do, however, have workers' training programme in place which caters to the welfare, spiritual, and socioeconomic development of these individuals. The volunteers continue to provide an invaluable contribution in the following main departments:

Administration/Publication

Finance

Treasury

Men fellowship

Women Fellowship

Evangelism

Choir

Usher

Children's Church

Youth Church

Hospitality

Protocol

Welfare

#### **c. GRANT MAKING POLICIES**

The trustee would make grants available to other charities that have similar objects as the church. The church has agreed to make an annual contribution to the Central office of the Redeemed Christian Church of God. In addition, the church also provides support to members of the congregation who are in need.



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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)  
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**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

There has been tremendous growth in the physical and spiritual life of the church during the year and in the advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrine set out in the Statement of Faith as contained in our governing documents. The charity continues to provide financial support to other charities operating within its objects.

The charity also provides financial support to the Festival of Life prayer event held bi-annually in the UK.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Trustees have a strategic plan to build up a general reserve that is supported by liquidity for the future. This will enable the Charity to be in a sound financial position to continue meeting its financial obligations and be positioned to continue to deliver its charitable objects in the long term.

The Pastor in charge was paid £4,500 for the 9 months between April 2023 and December 2023

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

The charity continues to explore ways to evangelise in an effective manner by raising its profile and getting more involved in the community. The charity is also looking to grow in membership and continue to develop its members to make a positive impact in the business world.

The charity also aims at achieving the following in the near future:

- Furtherance of the Gospel
- Shepherding the people of God
- Organising seminars and conferences to empower membership of the church & community
- Getting members of the church involved in effective lay ministry.



## STATEMENTS OF TRUSTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and financial statements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare the financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the church and of the surplus or deficit of the church for that period. In preparing this financial statement, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies.
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the church will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the church and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees approved this report on 28/10/2024 and signed on its behalf by



Mrs. Adeyinka Adetola Ogunnaike



Mr. Babatunde Sofowora



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### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT:**

We have examined the statement of financial activities including Income and Expenditure and balance sheet for the year ended 31 December 2023 on pages 10 and 11. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (published September 2016).

### **RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

The responsibilities of the Trustees for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (The United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Trustees responsibilities.

The Trustees have considered that the audit of the financial statements requirement under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) does not apply.

We have been appointed under section 145 (3) of the Charities Act 2011 and report under section 156 of that Act. It is our responsibility to independently examine the accounts, without performing an audit and report to the Trustees.

### **BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENTS**

This report is in respect of an examination carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

Based on our examination, no matter has come to our attention that gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011, or that the accounts presented do not accord with those records or comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011. No matter has come to our attention in connection with our examination to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.

Signed by:  
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(Chartered Certified Accountants &  
Tax Consultants)  
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
(Incorporating Income and Expenditure Accounts)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Recommended categories by activity	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Prior year funds 2022 £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	249,001	32,910	281,911	130,057
Charitable activities			-	-	
Other	2	1,219	-	1,219	13,340
<b>Total</b>		<b>250,220</b>	<b>32,910</b>	<b>283,130</b>	<b>143,396</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	10	136,214	-	136,214	129,614
Separate material item of expense		-	-	-	
Other	7	2,160	-	2,160	1,560
<b>Total</b>		<b>138,374</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>138,374</b>	<b>131,174</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)</b>		<b>111,846</b>	<b>32,910</b>	<b>144,756</b>	<b>12,223</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>111,846</b>	<b>32,910</b>	<b>144,756</b>	<b>12,223</b>
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses):</b>					
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>111,846</b>	<b>32,910</b>	<b>144,756</b>	<b>12,223</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		60,560	6,859	67,419	55,196
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>172,406</b>	<b>39,769</b>	<b>212,175</b>	<b>67,419</b>

All disclosures related to the continuing operations. There are no recognized gains or losses other than those disclosed above.

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of these financial statements



# REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD ('RCCG') THE CITY OF GOD DARTFORD

## BALANCE SHEET

AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible Fixed Assets	12		12,870		9,535
			<u>12,870</u>		<u>9,535</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	13	-		8,750	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>205,965</u>		<u>50,694</u>	
		205,965		59,444	
<b>CREDITORS:</b>					
Amount falling due within one year	14	6,660		1,560	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		199,305		57,884	
Amount falling due after one year		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
			<u>199,305</u>		<u>57,884</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<u>212,175</u>		<u>67,419</u>
<b>CHARITY FUNDS</b>					
Restricted funds	15	39,769		6,859	
Unrestricted funds	15	<u>172,406</u>		<u>60,560</u>	
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			<u>212,175</u>		<u>67,419</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 28/10/2024 and signed on their behalf by

  
Mrs. Adeyinka Adetola Ogunnaike

  
Mr. Babatunde Sofowora

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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#### **1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements.**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP FRS 102) published 31 March 2018.

#### **1.2 Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the church and which have not been designated for other purposes. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds that are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors which have been raised by the church for specific purposes. The cost of raising and Administering such funds is charged against the specific fund.

#### **1.3 Income and Endowments**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the church is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognized as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold.

Donated facilities are included at the value to the church where this can be quantified, and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

#### **1.4 Expenditure**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to activities, they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the Church and include project management carried out at Headquarters.

Governance costs are those incurred relating to the administration of the church and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.



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**1.5 Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases.

Office and Church Equipment: 25% straight line

Furniture & Fittings: 25% straight line

Other Equipment: 33.3% straight line

**2. Income and endowments from:**

		<b>Restricted Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022 £</b>
Total income and endowment	Donations	32,910	205,312	238,222	118,575

**3. Donations & Other Legacies:**

Planned giving (Building Fund)

Income tax recoverable- gift aid

Collection at all services

Total

**Other Income**

Rental Income

Interest income

	<b>2023 £</b>	<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2022 £</b>
Planned giving (Building Fund)	32,910	-	
Income tax recoverable- gift aid	43,689	11,481	
Collection at all services	205,312	118,575	
Total	281,911	130,057	
Rental Income	-	-	13,328
Interest income	1,218.73	1,218.73	11.76
	1,219	1,219	13,340

**4. Charitable Donations to Institutions**

	<b>Restricted Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022 £</b>
Charitable donations	-	28,724	28,724	28,849



## 5. List of Institutions Donations Payable

Name of institution	Donation description	2023 £	2022 £
RCCG- Central, WEM and Area Offices	Advancement of Christian faith worldwide	25,528	25,553
Missions and other Churches	Advancement of Christian faith worldwide	3,196	3,296
		<u>28,724</u>	<u>28,849</u>

## 6. Expenditure by Charitable Activity

	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Advancement of Christian Faith	-	28,724	28,724	28,849
	<u>-</u>	<u>28,724</u>	<u>28,724</u>	<u>28,849</u>

## 7. Governance Costs

	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Accountants' remuneration	-	2,160	2,160	1,560

## 8. Direct Costs

	Basis of Allocation	Advancement of Christian faith 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Visiting speakers' expenses	Actual	13,805	13,805	13,232
Welfare	Actual	420	420	4,200
Conferences	Actual	663	663	430
Health & Safety	Actual	1,869	1,869	-
Children & Teen church costs	Actual	-	-	264
Mothers club costs	Actual	600	600	-
		<u>17,357</u>	<u>17,357</u>	<u>18,126</u>

## 9. Support Cost

	Basis of Allocation	Advancement of Christian faith	Total	Total
		2023	2023	2022
		£	£	£
Entertainment, hospitality	Actual	7,331	7,331	12,641
Communication	Actual	1,965	1,965	1,972
Advertising and publications	Actual	3,017	3,017	304
Repairs and maintenance	Actual	220	220	947
Travelling expenses	Actual	73	73	851
Insurance	Actual	1,570	1,570	1,459
Printing, postage & stationery	Actual	23	23	20
Salaries & Wages	Actual	4,500	4,500	-
Office Admin	Actual	580	580	-
Bank charges	Actual	0.09	0.09	-
Rent and rates	Actual	43,032	43,032	43,296
Consultancy Fees	Actual	4,410	4,410	-
Legal and Professional Fees	Actual	2,955	2,955	1,906
Media	Actual	2,310	2,310	820
Instrumentalist & music expenses	Actual	13,265	13,265	15,280
Depreciation	Actual	4,882	4,882	3,143
		90,132	90,132	82,639

## 10. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Activities undertaken directly	Donations to advance Christian faith	Support costs	Total	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable donations	-	28,724	-	28,724	28,849
Advancement of Christian faith	17,357	-	90,132	107,489	100,765
	17,357	28,724	90,132	136,214	129,614

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Charitable donations	-	28,724	28,724	28,849
Advancement of Christian faith	-	107,489	107,489	100,765
	-	136,214	136,214	129,614

**11. Net Income/(Expenditure):** This is stated after charging depreciation of tangible fixed assets, premises cost, and accountants' remuneration

This is stated after charging

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets and premises costs	4,882	3,143
Accountants' remuneration	2,160	1,560

During the year, no trustee received any remuneration.

During the year, no trustee received any benefit in kind

During the year, no trustee received any reimbursement of expenses

## 12. Fixed Assets

	Equipment	Furniture, Fittings and Equipment	Furniture & Fittings	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2023
	£	£		£
<b>Cost</b>				
As 1 January 2023	3,225	28,926	3,182	35,332
Additions	8,217		-	8,217
At 31 December 2023	11,442	28,926	3,182	43,549
<b>Depreciation</b>				
As 1 January 2023	208	25,191	398	25,797
For the year	884	3,203	795	4,882
At 31 December 2023	1,092	28,394	1,193	30,679
<b>Net Book Value</b>				
At 31 December 2023	10,350	532	1,989	12,870
At 31 December 2022	3,016	3,735	2,784	9,535



**13. Debtors**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Loan	-	8,750
	<u>-</u>	<u>8,750</u>

**14. Creditors**

Amounts falling due within one year:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals	6,660	1,560
	<u>6,660</u>	<u>1,560</u>

**15. Funds of the Charity**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
At 1 January	67,273	6,859	74,132	74,132
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	111,846	32,910	144,756	12,223
At 31 December	<u>179,119</u>	<u>39,769</u>	<u>218,888</u>	<u>86,354</u>